

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1 and 3-8 are pending in the present application. Claim 8 has been withdrawn by the Examiner. Claim 2 has been cancelled and the subject matter thereof has been incorporated into claim 1.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 112

Claim 6 is rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for the reasons set forth on page 3 of the Office Action. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are requested.

The typographical error in claim 6 has been corrected. Thus, the rejection of claim 6 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, should be withdrawn by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1 and 4-6 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being as being unpatentable over Kumar et al. (U.S. 7,320,826) for the reasons set forth on pages 3 and 4 of the Office Action. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Reconsideration and withdrawal thereof are requested.

The subject matter of claim 2 is free of this rejection. Thus, the subject matter of claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1, thereby rendering this rejection moot. Since claims 3-6 are dependent on claim 1, as amended, claims 1 and 3-6 are in condition for allowance. See paragraph 8 of the Office Action.

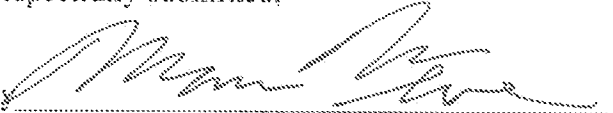
Also, claim 7 is allowed for the reasons set forth in paragraph 9 of the Office Action. Claim 7 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner, Registration No. 32181 at the telephone number of the undersigned below to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Director is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge any fees required during the pendency of the above-identified application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448.

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Respectfully submitted,

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